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Official Close to de Gaulle Is Linked to Spy Scandal

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PARIS, April 14—The details of a three-cornered spy case, including charges that a French official close to President de Gaulle is an agent for the Soviet Union, are about to be known, the newspaper Le Canard Enchaîné has reported.

The principals, besides the unidentified Soviet agent, are a Soviet defector to the United States and a former French counterespionage agent who chose to stay in the United States when he was recalled by his superiors in Paris.

Le Canard Enchaîné, a fre-

quently well-informed French satirical weekly, said this week's Life magazine would contain the "Memoirs of Thiraud de Vosjoly." De Vosjoly, it said, served for ten years as a French liaison officer between the French Counterespionage Service (SDECE) and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. He now lives in the United States.

Job Like Philby's

His was the same job for France as that which Harold A. R. (Kim) Philby, a spy for the Russians, held for the British while working in Washington.

According to Le Canard Enchaîné, re Vosjoly's story is

the background to Leon Uris's best-selling novel "Topaz," which tells the story of a Soviet defector to the United States who reveals Soviet penetration into the French Secret Service.

The French newspaper says "it is evident that Uris worked with a dossier containing the exact facts."

Contacted today, Uris confirmed that de Vosjoly was the principal source of his book.

The facts, according to the French newspaper and the London Observer, which published a similar story yesterday, are roughly as follows:

In 1961 a Russian understood to be Anatoli Dolnytsin, a senior secret police officer, defected to the West. His information led to the unmasking of two spies, Philby, now living in Moscow, and Georges Paques, a French NATO official who was passing secrets to the Russians.

But, according to de Vosjoly's story, Dolnytsin gave more to the CIA. He revealed that there was another Soviet spy, this one high-ranking and close to President de Gaulle.

De Vosjoly learned this through his good relations with CIA officials.

Chose to Stay in U.S.

It was de Vosjoly's close liaison with the CIA that led to his recall by the French government, according to the Observer. But he would not return to France, choosing instead to stay in United States.

Because of this, perhaps, the French newspaper suggests he is in the pay of the CIA. The Observer, however, denies this, saying that the U.S. Government is understood to have given assurances to de Gaulle that it has nothing to do with de Vosjoly's accusations.

As for Uris and "Topaz," the author said in an interview last August that his book represented authentic recent history. He said that his knowledge came from informed sources and that to "the best of my knowledge" Moscow-directed Frenchmen were still in strategic posts in NATO, the French Secret Service and the government.